

May 2016 - ACCR Sign of the Times

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ACCR APOSTOLATE VISION

To see the restoration of all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as a normal part of Catholic Church life, and lead people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and develop the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all believers.

ACCR APOSTOLATE MISSION STATEMENT

ACCR seeks to serve the Catholic Church by being one of the agents and instruments of the Holy Spirit working for the ongoing renewal and growth of the Church today.

We seek to participate with the Holy Spirit in the renewal of the Church by:

- Working to lead all people to a close, personal and lasting relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord of all aspects of their lives.
- Fostering the Baptism (or Release) of the Holy Spirit, received in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, as a means of deepening the work of the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church and in the lives of individuals.
- Encouraging the use of the charismatic gifts as an accepted and regular part of life in the Catholic Church.
- Encouraging people to participate fully in the life of their parish.

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A Message from Anil, ACCR Chairperson

Acts 4:29 “.....grant to thy servants to speak thy word with all boldness”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Grace mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

During the Easter season the church turns her attention to the Acts of the Apostles. Here we see the early church filled with the Holy Spirit and performing wonders and miracles. Many people say that it was for their time and not for this age. However the Holy Spirit like the father is Eternal and the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. The early church prayed in the Spirit. They prayed for a spirit of boldness to preach the gospel and for the Lord to work healing and miracles in their midst. The results were there for us to see. However today we have stopped praying in the Spirit. When we intercede before Mass we need to pray for a spirit of boldness for the readers, singers, priest and congregation. In our prayer groups we need to put out chairs (for those who have to) and pray that every chair be filled. This is one of the ways to bring about a new revival in our prayer groups and parishes.

This month we had our annual National Service Committee meeting in Dunedin. There were some changes to the office bearers: Diana Ingle was elected Chairperson, Val Morrison - Administrator, Deacon Henk Gielen - Vice chair, Reggis Rego - treasurer and Fr Ron Bennett - Chaplin.

Thanks for all your prayers. Continue to pray for the leaders of the renewal that they may be attentive to the voice of the Holy Spirit and lead the people to the fullness of Christ.

God bless,
Anil.

Calendar these CCR dates (for more information see below or attached posters)

May 14-15 LISS: Holy Spirit weekend for youth and young adults, focus age 18 – 35.
Venue: David Nolan Hall, St Joseph's School. **Takapuna. Time: 9am – 5pm.**

May 15th Pentecost Sunday – note: no ACCR event due to the many events in April and June associated with Fr Joseph and Aneel Aranha's visits. Please celebrate with your prayer groups and pray for the youth LISS at Takapuna.

June 1- 5 Return Visit from Aneel Aranha.

Jun 4 11 – 4pm St Marks Catholic Church, 334 Pakuranga Highway, Pakuranga (Parish mass at 9am)

June 5 1pm - 5pm St Marks, Pakuranga

Aneel will also visit the HSI Schools of Discipleship

Jun 1 7pm St Johns, Orewa

Jun 2 7.30pm St Marks, Pakuranga

Jun 3 7.30pm St John Vianney, Hillsborough

30th July Combined meeting for all Prayer groups and Service group. Approx 9am – 12pm Sacred Heart Hall, Ponsonby.

27th August Breakthrough Concert 2016 Bruce Mason Theatre, Takapuna

Aneel Aranha is coming back to Auckland

Come Be the Light of the World (see the attached Poster)

Aneel is an international speaker and preacher. He is the founder of the HSI schools of Discipleship. We hope to see you all at the following sessions.

Saturday – 4th June - 1st Day

11 am - 4pm (Note: 9am there is a Parish Mass if you want to attend)

Sunday 5th June – 2nd Day

1pm– 5pm (Note: starts after lunch.)

Bring your own lunch, Coffee and Tea will be provided.

Please spread the word and let's get many people along to hear the Good News. Last time Aneel was here someone testified that while the general prayer was happening they got healed of Cancer.

Aneel will also visit the HSI Schools of Discipleship

Jun 1 7pm St Johns, Orewa

Jun 2 7.30pm St Marks, Pakuranga

Jun 3 7.30pm St John Vianney, Hillsborough

Please contact Mike Lobo for info re Aneel or Schools of Discipleship.

mlobo@titan.co.nz or 093900048 (free call)

Life in the Spirit Seminar Pentecost weekend. See poster attached.

May 14-15 LISS weekend for youth and young adults, with focus on 18 –

35 age group: organised by Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group.

Venue: David Nolan Hall, St Joseph's School, Takapuna. Time: 9am – 5pm.

Please pray for the organisers, the speakers, the helpers, the planning and for all potential attendees that they will respond to the Holy Spirit's prompting. **Pray especially for young people you will be encouraging to attend.**

Pentecost

No ACCR event this year due to the many events in April and June associated with Fr Joseph and Aneel Aranha's visits. You are encouraged to celebrate with your prayer groups and pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Auckland and NZ, and especially on the people at the Pentecost LISS at Takapuna.

St Joseph's Centre prayer group invite us all to join with them in praying the Caleb prayer below at least once a day until Pentecost.

CALEB PRAYER

O High King of Heaven, Have mercy on our land.

Revive your church;

Send the Holy Spirit For the sake of your Children.

May your kingdom come to our nation.

In Jesus' mighty name. Amen

Alternatively ICCRS encourage us to pray the Burning Bush Pentecost Novena from May 6th – May 14th. (See attachment.)

Breakthrough Concert 2016: Saturday, 27th August, 7pm

The BreakThrough concert is set to return. This time the theme is 'Victory to the Lamb'. Relive the Exodus story and experience the saving power of the blood of the Lamb.

Date: Saturday, 27th August 2015, 7 p.m. at Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna
Presented by Auckland Catholic Charismatic Renewal in association with Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group.

Last year the BreakThrough concert was well attended by over 700 people with great feedback coming from various parts of Auckland. BreakThrough will return again with the best contemporary and timeless Christian music, celebrating the saving love of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain to save us from our sins.

More details to follow in the next SOT, but please **book the date – Saturday, 27th August 7 p.m.**

IMPORTANT REQUEST-

As part of the Breakthrough concert there will be small skits and a dance sequence performed on stage. **JTGS prayer group is calling for the assistance of all CCR members or friends who can act or dance and are willing to take part in the concert.** This will entail coming for about 10 practices over the next four months. Practices will be for about 2 hours and held at a venue on the North Shore. Email admin@jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz for details or call Goretti on 021 025 63164 OR Engelbert on 021 023 46853. Please reply latest by Thursday, 19th May. We really look forward to your participation.

May 22nd DRC retreat with Fr Michael Payyapilly VC, 1 – 7pm St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough. All welcome. **See attached poster.**

Fr. Joseph Victor

Thank you to all those who attended the teaching sessions and the Masses for healing the family. Father Joseph emphasised the healing and blessings we can receive in every mass, and taught us to appreciate the power Catholics have in every Eucharistic celebration.

News from the prayer groups:

myPRAYERGROUP (myPG) runs a Community Service/Outreach each year called "CHRISTMAS IN OUR HEARTS " This year's community recipient will be **FOSTER HOPE (Bringing Hope To those In Care)**

Each month members will donate suggested items, such as toiletries. These will be collected and given to FOSTER HOPE in November.

Reynaldo and his prayer group invite you all to attend a bible study with them.

The Parables of Jesus Christ. Led by Deacon Dave at St Vincent de Paul Church, Milford.

3rd Saturdays, 8:00PM starting 16 APRIL, 21 MAY, 16 JULY, 20 AUG, 15 OCT. 2016

We welcome another new prayer group: Anil has visited a prayer group in Papatoetoe. The members are Samoan and they will be organising a LISS led by leaders from Samoa. The group hosted one of Fr Joseph's masses for the Healing of the Family and they had over 100 attend.

Please pray for recently deceased members of ACCR.

Mary Clark died in Whangarei on 3rd April after a brief illness. Mary was involved in the renewal from 1975 until she moved to Whangarei about 20 years ago. She was a member of several Northshore prayer groups and served on the Service group. **Louise Janus** died in Auckland on April 22nd.

Louise and her husband Kees were active in the Renewal for many years before health problems took their time.

LISS: April 23 – 24th A report from 2 members of the Voice of God prayer group.



Action song



Graduates

A Spirit Filled Life in the Spirit Seminar at Liston Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, 23-24 April 2016

We started our 2-day Life in the Spirit Seminar with cheerful and interactive action songs to awaken everyone's attention and get them ready to listen, share and reflect on the things that will be discussed during the whole day.

All of our speakers were from the Philippines and we were so blessed to have them with us for our LSS. They were so good at conveying God's words and message to our participants in ways that everyone could understand. They shared stories of how their lives have changed and how they have continuously grown in faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. They were able to touch everyone's heart and bring them closer to God. Participants were all smiling, laughing and crying every now and then.

Baptism in the Spirit

It was indeed a Spirit filled happening not only for our participants but for our core group as

well. The speakers started by teaching everyone about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, how to praise and worship and how to pray in tongues. Everyone was so keen to learn everything, from raising their hands, surrendering everything to God and asking the Holy Spirit for the gifts. They were all open and willingly surrendered themselves to be in God's presence, to receive the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Some testified in front of their new brothers and sisters in the community about their indescribable experience, especially the prayer of tongues during the baptism and how it has motivated them to always live by faith in Jesus.

The LSS ended with the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The core members also renewed commitments of service to the Lord in the aspect of living the Christian Life through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Each LSS graduate was given a small bottle of salt and a candle that will remind us that we are commissioned to be the salt of the earth and a light to the world shining brightly and bearing the Good News to all creation.

Prayer intentions

Service group and all CCR Leaders
New members for Service Group
Prayer group leaders and prayer group initiatives
Life in the Spirit Seminars coming up
Youth, particularly those involved in CCR
Aneel Aranha's visit
Conversion of ISIS leaders and members
For persecuted Christians

Regular events

Prayer groups: See website for meeting places and times.
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School of Discipleship:

Fridays 7.30pm. Venue: St John Vianney, Hillsborough.

Thursdays 7.30pm. Venue: St Marks, Pakuranga.

Wednesdays 7pm. Venue: St Johns, Orewa.

Please contact Mike Lobo mlobo@titan.co.nz or 3900048 (free call) for info re Schools of Discipleship.

Healing Ministry: Available after the 7.30pm Mass every 3rd Thursday at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield.

Note: Lilian Iskander and her Good Shepherd Group volunteer for NZ prayerline every Monday 7:30pm-9:00pm praying for callers from all around NZ. The number to call for prayers is 0800 50 80 80.

Dove Monthly meetings (include prayer ministry and fellowship)

West Auckland Dove: 1st Tuesdays **at St Michael and all Angels Anglican Church** - 425 Great North Road, Henderson. Contact Jane 0211178977 or Teresa 838 9969

North Shore Dove: 2nd to last Wednesdays 7.30pm. **Note New Venue: St. Thomas More Church, 366**

Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629. All warmly invited. For more information call Nanci Heah (09) 419 0348

South Auckland Dove: last Tuesdays, 7. 30pm at **St Anne's Parish Hall**, 126 Russell Rd, Manurewa. Contact Grace Rowland 09 577 3479 or 027 624 3842

Joshua Fellowship: a Catholic men's fellowship. 7.30pm – 9.30pm every last Wednesday. St Josephs Centre, Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. Contact: Basil ph 4435755 or 0272612585 or www.joshua.org.nz